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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District in 1967, and hope that this will again be found useful as a source of easy reference.

The mid-year estimated population of 3,700 was a decrease of 10 over the 1966 figure. There were 65 live births, an increase of 11 over 1966, giving an adjusted birth rate of 21.6 compared with the National figure of 17.2. No stillbirths were recorded during 1967, but there were 3 infant deaths under 1 year in the area giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 46.1 compared with a National Rate of 18.3. In an area the size of Lees, individual year records tend to fluctuate much more than in larger populated areas, due mainly to the smallness of the figures, and a general trend of what is happening to the various rates must be considered over several years, the actual number of births has slowly risen over the past few years.

A total of 80 deaths were registered in the district during the year, an increase of 25 over the 1966 figure to give an adjusted rate of 13.4, compared with the National Rate of 11.2. The main causes of death were degenerative diseases of Heart and Blood Vessels, diseases of the Respiratory system and Cancer, which is what is to be expected in a generally ageing population.

There was a decrease in notification of infectious disease during the year, 51 cases notified as against 101 in 1966. This decrease being mainly in the number of measles cases notified. There were 3 cases of dysentery actually reported in the area, but a proportion of the Public Health Inspectors time is taken up with suspected cases and contacts of dysentery and food poisoning.

The Local Authority Housing scheme of Further Hey was started during 1967, your Councils plans also included two specially adapted type bungalows for handicapped persons and these will be of great value to such people.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I must thank you and your Committee for your support during the year, also the Clerk and Mr. Rustidge for their ever willing assistance, not least in the preparation of this report.

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert R. Brackenridge,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

(1) Area in acres..... 288

Population

Census 1961..... 3,730
Estimated Mid 1967..... 3,700

Number of Inhabited Houses

Estimated 1967..... 1,572

Rateable Value..... £106,248

Sum represented by Penny Rate..... £385

General Rate per Pound 1967/68.....11s. 9d
(Reduced Rate for Mixed Hereditments.....11s. 7d)
(Reduced Rate for Dwelling houses.....11s. 4d)

(2)

General Characteristics and Social Conditions of the District

The Urban District is situated on the western slopes of the Pennines between the eastern boundary of Oldham County Borough and the western boundary of Saddleworth Urban District. The latter boundary is also the County Boundary between Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The main source of employment within the district is by three Cotton Mills and four Factories, together with the sale of commodities by retail.

There are two major roads passing through the district, Huddersfield Road in the North Ward, being a section of the Liverpool - Leeds - Hull (A.62) Trunk Road and High Street, (A.669) partly dividing South and Central Wards. The majority of the shop premises in the district are centered on High Street.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total)..... 65

	Males	Females
Legitimate	37	21
Illegitimate	3	4

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 17.6
Adjusted Rate..... 21.6

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of live births 10.7
Stillbirths ..... NIL
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and still births ..... NIL
Total live and stillbirths 65
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)..... 3

	Males	Females
Legitimate	2	-
Illegitimate	-	1

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births 46.1
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate Live births 34.4
Illigitimate infant deaths per 1000 illigitimate libe births 142.8
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births) 31
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births) 31
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births 31
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion) ..... NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths ..... NIL

Total deaths (all ages) 80

Death Rate per 1000 population :-

Crude Rate 21.6
Adjusted Rate 13.4

Principal Causes of Deaths :-

Diseases of Heart and Circulation 27
Diseases of Respiratory System 19
Cancer all sites 12
Vascular lesions of the nervous system 11

Comparability Factor

This factor takes into account the age and sex structure of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales as a whole, and makes it possible to compare local birth and death rates with the corresponding National Rates.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

		1967	1966	1965	1961	1956
Population		3,700	3,710	3,710	3,730	4,040
Live Births	No.	65	54	56	42	48
	Adj. Rate	21.6	17.9	18.6	12.4	13.2
Stillbirths	No	0	0	1	0	2
	Rate	NIL	NIL	17.6	NIL	40
Total Live and Stillbirths	No	65	54	57	42	50
Total Infant Deaths	No	3	0	1	0	1
	Rate	46	NIL	17.9	NIL	21
Maternal Deaths	No.	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Deaths	No.	80	55	73	67	49
	Adj. Rate	13.4	11.1	15.3	18.3	12.6

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.	1967 Total	1966 Total	1965 Total	1961 Total	1956 Total
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- (N.P.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasms -							
Stomach	3	4	7	3	3	3	3
Breast	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Lung & Bronchus	5	-	5	4	2	1	1
Uterus	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Other Sites	-	-	-	2	5	3	9
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	7	11	11	10	7	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	6	2	8	7	10	15	11
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Other heart disease	3	7	11	5	12	12	8
Other circulatory disease	1	7	8	7	9	7	2
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia	3	2	5	7	2	2	-
Bronchitis	7	7	14	2	6	8	2
Other disease of respiratory system	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1	1	3	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostrate	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	2	6	1	3	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
All other accidents	1	-	1	-	2	1	1
Suicide	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
Totals	40	40	80	55	73	67	49

DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS

	M.	F.	1967 Total	1966 Total	1965 Total	1961 Total	1956 Total
Under 1	2	1	3	-	1	-	1
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
25-	-	1	1	2	2	) 2	) 1
35-	-	3	3	-	-		
45-	1	-	1	14	18	) 18	) 14
55-	6	4	10	-	-		
65-	12	12	24	15	21	18	) 33
Over 75	18	19	37	24	30	29	
Totals	40	40	80	55	73	67	49

INFANT MORTALITY - 1967

Causes of Death	Under 1 day	1 to 6 days	1 to 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	Total
Cor Pulmonale	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	-	2	-	-	-	2
Total	-	2	-	-	1	3

INFANT MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTHS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

	1967	1966	1965	1961	1956
STILLBIRTH RATE (per 1000 total births)	NIL	NIL	17	NIL	40
NEO-NATAL RATE (per 1000 live births)	31	NIL	17	NIL	NIL
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per 1000 live births)	46	NIL	17	NIL	21

PREVALANCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 1967

(other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages.	Notified Cases in age groups (Total)											Removed to Hospital	Deaths.
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-		
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	42	3	4	5	10	5	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	51	4	4	5	12	7	17	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

YEARLY TOTALS

	1967	1966	1965	1961	1956
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	4	-	10	7
Measles	42	90	10	22	-
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	-	2
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	3	6	7	6	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	7
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	2
Totals	51	101	23	38	20

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

General

The total of 51 cases of infectious disease was a decrease of 50 over the 1966 figure due to the drop in measles cases.

Measles

There were 42 cases notified, these cases being at the end of the two yearly cycle pattern which is found in this disease. Active immunisation is now available locally against measles and it will be interesting to note its effect on the number of cases recorded in the future.

Whooping Cough : Diphtheria : Poliomyelitis

One case of Whooping Cough was notified during the year, usually these cases are of a mild nature. No cases of the other diseases were recorded.

Routine immunisation is readily available against these diseases and parents must be encouraged to see that their children receive the necessary immunisation. To ensure community protection at least between 70 - 80% of children should be immunised.

Smallpox

Once again no cases of smallpox were recorded in Lees, but the low acceptance rate for vaccination of just over 20% of children does give rise to concern.

Dysentery and Food Poisoning

There were fortunately only 3 cases of dysentery during 1967, but great care to maintain this low number is needed in both personal and community hygiene.

Tuberculosis

No new cases of tuberculosis were notified during 1967, there being a total of 17 cases on the register.

Pathological Specimens

During the year, 39 faeces samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Withington and 5 yielded positive results for pathogenic organisms.

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Services under the National Health Service Act and related legislation are provided by Lancashire County Council. For these purposes, Lees forms part of Health Division No. 14. The Divisional Health Offices is situated at 'Tylon', Middleton Road, Chadderton, (Tel: o61 - 624 - 6251)

An assistant Divisional Medical Officer is based part time at High Street Clinic.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Mrs. F. M. M. Hughes of 7, Fern Close, Off Bridge Street, Springhead (o61 - 624 - 0839) is employed as Midwife to serve the district. Relief duties are carried out by other midwives as necessary.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-Natal clinics are held at the High Street Clinic, Lees, on the second and fourth Monday in each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Mrs. E. Lindley, Health Visitor can be contacted at the High Street Clinic, Lees every morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon.

Clinics are held as follows :-

Child Welfare	2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday
Dental	9 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday

Welfare foods are obtainable at the Child Welfare Sessions at the High Street Clinic.

HOME NURSING

District Nursing service is provided by Health Division No. 14 and the District Nurse living within this area is Mrs. A. Welsby of 130, Spring Lane, Lees (Tel : 061 - 624 - 9622)

A male nurse is available in certain cases.

MENTAL HEALTH

A staff of Mental Welfare Officers who are based at Divisional Health Office, work in co-operation with hospital staffs and general practitioners in all mental welfare matters.

CHIROPODY SERVICES

Chiropody Clinics are held at the High Street Clinic every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with the occasional Tuesday morning when demand calls.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

The ambulance service is administered by Health Division No. 14 and is under radio-control from a Control Centre at Whitefield. (Tel : WHI 6666)

HOME HELP SERVICES

Home Helps are available to attend households where necessary in cases of confinement, illnesses, old age and infirmity. Application for the services of a home help should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Divisional Health Office, 'Tylon', Middleton Road, Chadderton. (Tel : 061 - 624 - 6251)

WELFARE SERVICES

Residential accommodation for elderly persons in need of care and attention, not otherwise available is provided by the County Council in seven homes for the elderly in Division 14.

The Statutory services - Health Visitors, Home Nurses, Home Helps and Chiropody services co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing 'meals on wheels', Home Visiting, etc.

CHILDRENS ACT 1948

Statutory services under this act and related legislation are carried out by the Lancashire County Council at the Childrens Department, Enville House, Ashton-under-Lyne (Tel : ASH 2933)

HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITIES

The Oldham Royal Infirmary and Oldham District General Hospital provide all general Hospital services for this district, Infectious disease cases are usually admitted to Westhulme Hospital, Oldham, whilst some infectious disease patients are admitted to specialist Hospitals in the Manchester district.

The Tuberculosis Chest Clinic at Oldham and District General Hospital provides facilities for examination of residents of this district.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Disease are available at :-

District Infirmary, Ashton .. .. Tel : ASH 1611
Oldham & District General Hospital .. .. Tel.: 061-624-0420
Sparthfield Clinic, Manchester Road, Rochdale .. Tel : Rochdale 48827

The Urban District Council is responsible for those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of enviromental health. These include :-

Inspection of houses re fitness for human habitation.
Control of infectious disease (Including food poisoning)
Control of food and food preparing premises
Provision of suitable water supplies
Detection and prevention of nuisance
Prevention of atmospheric pollution
Control of rodent and insect infestation
Collection and disposal of refuse
Provision of sanitary accommodation and public conveniences

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees.

July, 1968.

Report of the Public Health Inspector

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ended 1967, giving details of the work carried out during that year.

The progress made by the Building Contractors on the Further Hey Hill, Housing Site permitted the occupation of seven bungalows, three two bedroomed and six three bedroomed houses before the end of the year, the incoming tenants being taken in part from dwellings to be demolished and also from the Housing List. The remainder of the development on this Contract of 49 units will be completed during 1968, and progress on the aged persons Accommodation will be approaching completion by the end of the year.

Clearance of some of the older properties in the district has been long overdue, and the occupants of the new dwellings are well satisfied with their much improved standard of accommodation.

The refuse collection service was assisted by the delivery of a new collection vehicle, with larger carrying capacity and improved crew accommodation. The weekly service is now running smoothly. Negotiations for the acquisition of the balance of the disused Birks Quarry are still in very slow progress and the re-use of the Tumbling Bank Site has become necessary.

Once again I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Medical Officer, Clerk of the Council and Officials, together with the members of the Health Committee, for their support, assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. RUSTIDGE,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

As the district does not have its own sewage disposal works, sewage which is drained from the whole of the district is discharged into the adjoining Authority's sewering system by agreement with Oldham County Borough. The rate of flow is measured by Recording Apparatus at the three junctions to the Oldham County Borough Sewers; the sewage receives treatment at the Oldham disposal works at Slack Valley with the Urban District of Chadderton.

Surface water sewers convey surface water to the river Medlock at various points within the district. Thornley Brook also receives surface water and discharges into the Medlock at Holts.

36 new dwellings were connected to the sewering system during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse has been maintained throughout the year by a team of two loaders and a driver/loader operating a diesel engined vehicle.

A replacement rear loading 'fore and aft' collection vehicle was received during the year and has assisted the service, particularly by the increased carrying capacity of the refuse body. Some 1090 loads of domestic refuse and 156 loads of trade refuse were disposed of at Tip Sites during 1967.

Controlled tipping with levelling and covering by mechanical appliance has been maintained during the year, with the resultant discontinuing of tins recovery for salvage. Satisfactory arrangements with a local motor trader have been operating to ensure the disposal of derelict and unserviceable motor vehicles in the district.

The Further Hey Tip was sealed with soil during the year and disposal operations carried out at Tumbling Bank, an existing tip site. Recovery of further land at Tumbling Bank will enable the future extension of the Mills Recreation Ground.

Continued efforts to achieve the aquisition of the remainder of Birks Quarry have met with little success during the year, The District Valuer reported his negotiations as abortive. The Councils Solicitors are continuing their efforts to reach an agreement with the owner concerned.

The replacement of dustbins for existing properties is borne by the Rate Fund. 91 replacement dustbins were issued during 1967, the type of bin supplied being of mild steel galvanised kind with rubber lid, and a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cu. ft. The number of moveable dustbins was estimated as 1641 at the end of 1967.

RODENT CONTROL

Two trained empoyees having attended Ministry Training Courses carry out rodent control operations on a part-time basis. Individual complaints are promptly attended to while regular survey and inspection work is carried out throughout the district.

Test baiting of the whole of the drainage system was carried out during the year and a warfarin treatment completed following the results of the test baiting

A total of 96 rodent infestations were recorded during the year and received treatment. Again, several instances of Warfarin resistance were encountered in the 52 mice infestations discovered. The use of alphachloralose and trapping with various baits were adopted to eliminate these infestations.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

All dwellings within the district are served by the water carriage system. There are approximately 312 dwellings without seperate fresh water closet accommodation, and 30 waste water closets remain to be eliminated or converted.

Number of waste water closets, end 1967	29
Number of conversions during the year	4
Number of fresh water closets	1674
Number of houses on water carriage system	1529

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Five observations were taken on the four chimneys serving industrial furnaces in the district. No special action was found to be necessary, informal procedure achieved the remedy of a fault on one oil fired boiler plant.

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the district is served with Upland Surface Water by the Oldham Corporation Waterworks. The water is filtered at its source and sterilized by the Chloramine process.

Ten domestic water samples were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. All were reported as satisfactory.

Continued arrangements were made by the Local Authority for the cleansing of the branch service pipes serving several blocks of dwellings. On completion, all were reported to be improved and satisfactory.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The controlling Authority for the streams in the area is the Mersey and Weaver Authority, the two most notable streams being the River Ledlock and Thornley Brook (Wood Brook)

Unauthorised tipping of miscellaneous material into the main water course in the district has again made it necessary for continual inspection and cleansing of those water courses in order to prevent recurring nuisances.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

During 1967, 175 visits were made to 583 premises, mainly :-

427	dwellinghouses
112	shops
7	schools
37	factories.

In the dwellinghouses 214 defects of nuisance were discovered and 197 of same were remedied. 12 Statutory Notices were served in order to ensure that the necessary repairs were carried out. 80 Informal Notices were served. In the majority of cases these, together with personal visits obtained satisfactory results.

DEINFESTATION

13 dwellings (including 3 Council houses) in the district were found to be infested with minor insect infestations, each was cleared satisfactorily with the use of contact insecticides (powder, liquid and smoke generators).

SCHOOLS

There are 4 schools in the district. Each is served with mains water supply and connected to the drainage system.

FACTORIES

There are 21 factories in the district to which 37 visits were made. It was necessary to serve 6 Informal Notices under the Act, the defects were found to be remedied upon reinspection.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Two new registrations were made during the year. Inspections of all registered premises were achieved.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises reg. during the year	No. of Reg. premises at end of year.	No. of reg. premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	-	2	2
Retail Shops	1	26	26
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	7	7
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
Total	2	38	38

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Property other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
No. of properties in district	1,972	2
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	96	1
No. of above infested by:- rats	44	1
mice	52	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and / or mice for reasons other than notification	56	2
No of above infested by:- rats	2	-
mice	1	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Selling of food stuffs is the main type of trade carried out by the shops in the district. 57 out of a total of 65 shops selling food for human consumption.

The following list sets out the various trades:-

General grocers and provision dealers	24
Greengrocers and fruiterers	4
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	5
Bakers and /or confectioners	4
Fried Fish Shops	4
Shops selling sugar confectionery minerals, ice-cream, etc.	4
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	11
	57

The number of inspections carried out to the above premises totalled 112.

MILK

Licenses for pasteurised, sterilized and untreated milk are issued by the County Council.

A total of 29 milk samples were taken by the Food & Drugs Authority, all of which were found to be satisfactory with the exception of one which was found to contain 0.3% extraneous water. The dairy manager was cautioned and a later sample found to be satisfactory.

The Local Authority also submitted 8 samples of milk, all of which were reported to be satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

No ice-cream is manufactured in the district except that sold from mobile vans. The majority of the product is retailed in wrapped form from registered premises in the area. Samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory 7 for examination, 6 Provisional Grade I results were obtained, the remaining one produced no results due to a mechanical fault at the laboratory.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

There are no Slaughter Houses in the district.

Sampling of Food

The Lancashire County Council carry out food sampling in the district and the following were obtained during 1967:-

2 Vegetables, fresh (potatoes)
1 Phenoxymethyl Penicillin B.P.
2 Fresh Fruit
1 Brandy
1 Gin
1 Whisky
1 Cooked Meat (loose)
1 Pork Sausage

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on :-

Sample	Result of Analyst	Action Taken
Formal Milk	Fat 2.80% deficient 6.6% fat and low in solids-not-fat.	Vendor notified
Informal Milk	Freezing point indicates the presence of 0.3% extraneous water.	Dairy Manager cautioned and a further sample obtained.
Pork Sausage	Meat content 50% Recommended content 65%	Vendor interviewed.

HOUSING

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

   (i) By the Local Authority 9

   (ii) By other bodies or persons 27

2. Total number of Council owned dwellings at the end of the year - 134

3. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year

(i) a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	177
b) Total number of inspections made for the purpose	211
c) Number of dwelling-houses in a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	106
(ii) Total number of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit (estimated)	205

4. Houses Demolished

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Not in clearance areas. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	20	15	9

5. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Under Sections 16 (4) 17 (1) and 25 (1) Housing Act, 1957	18	19	11

6. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by Local Authority	57	NIl
(ii) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts	12	NIL
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Acts 1957	-	NIL

7. Number of Unfit Houses in Temporary Use, Housing Act 1957 NIL

8. Number of Houses purchased by Agreement NIL

9. Number of Clearance Areas represented ONE

10. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958
Improvement Grants

No applications have been submitted to the Council during the year for Improvement Grants.

The Council do not make a practice of approving such grants.

11. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
and Housing Acts 1961 and 1964
Standard Grants

Action during the year:-	Number of dwellings or other buildings affected
(i) Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to full standard.	23
(ii) Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to reduced standard	NIL
(iii) Total applications approved by Local Authority	23
(iv) Work completed.	22

The number of Grants paid during the year was 36, total amount being £4,703. 13. 1d.

12. Housing List

At the end of the year, the requirements for dwellings were as follows:-

60 - 1 bedroom accommodation
23 - 2 bedroom accommodation
16 - 3 bedroom accommodation

16 known cases of overcrowding existed at the end of the year. Several of these cases are included in the clearance programme.

FACTORIES

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	5	13	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	24	6	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	21	37	6	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not seperate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total . . .	6	6	-	-	-

Outworkers

Nature of work (1)	Section 133: No. of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	Section 134: No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel) Making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel) Cleaning & Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-